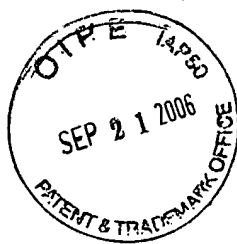


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This reply is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, and is being filed with a request to extend the period for reply by three months, and the appropriate fee on or before September 21, 2006, thus making this a timely response. While no additional fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, including extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No.: 467084-00104; Docket No.: A-71608).

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.